(c) in which year the reserved seats in IAs and IPs were not filled during the same period?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH); (a) and (b) Information is given in the Statement at Annexure. *[See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 105]

(c) Reserved candidates' equal to the numbe$_r$ of reserved vacancies were allocated to the IAS and IPS in all the three years.

Improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare

3123. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

fa) whether government have ra ceived any suggestions from different organisations and commissions for the improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE -IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and '(b) Yes Sir. The Chattopadhaya Commission made some suggestions *inter alia* regarding improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare. These were examined by an empowered committee set up by the Government. Thereafter, the Foundation has introduced various welfare schemes for the benefit of teachers/denendents like assistance to State/UT Govts, for construction of teacher rest-houses CSHkshak Sadans) paid holidav to eminent teachers, financial assistance for professional education of children of school teachers, medical reimbursement to teachers suffer'n? from serious ailments, gratu+iono relief in crses of serious accidents etc.

VCR/VCP project in Rajasthan

3124. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level team of the Electronic Trade and Technology Development Corporation L'mited (ET and T) visited Rajasthan in May, 1989 to select a site of the proposed VCR/VCP Project in the State and also recommended a site near Jaipur;

(b) whether ET 8c T propose to sign a MOU with RIICO to implement this vital project in that State;

(c) whether the Chairman and Managing Director of the Electronic Trade and Technology held discussions with the Central Government in this regard; if so, with what results; and

(d) what is the latest position in this regard indicating the likely installed capacity per annum, total investment outlay and foreign exchange involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF M. G. K. MENON): (a) With regard to their proposal for setting up of VCR/VCP project in the country, ET&T had conducted a locational study of various States including a site near Jaipur in Rajasthan. The visit for this to Rajasthan took place in May, *fflto.*

(by and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Taking into account the proposed heavy outflow of foreign exchange, the Government has not been able to accept the proposal in its present form.

Fifing by Sri Lankan Army on Indian Fishing: Boats

3125. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Sri Lankan army opened fire on an Indian fishing boat,

on the 17th. July, 1990, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps have been taken to give protection to the Indian fishermen by the Indian Coast Guards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir. However, on the 17th July, 1990, the Sri Lankan Navy fired upon two Indian fishing boats which had transgressed into the Sri Lankan waters west of Kachchativu, injuring 3 fis*»-hermen. 4 other fishermen from these boats were also beaten up by them.

(b) Patrolling and surveillance of the Paik Bay/Palk Strait by the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard has been intensified. The Govt. of Tamil-Nadu have also warned Indian fishermen not to cross the International Boundary Lin$_e$ for fishing activities.

Indigenous Super-Computer

3126. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a prototype of the country's first indigenous commercial super-computer, based on paraliel processing technology was dedicated to the nation on the 17th August, 1990;

(bj if so, to what extent India has been able to produce super computer prototypes; and

(c) what would be its annual production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF M. G. K. MENON); (a) and (b) The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC). Pune has developed a 64-node parallel processing system with a performance rating of 270 Megaflops. CDAc organised a Technology Transfer meet for this parallel machine on 17th August, 1990. This approach of parallel processing will enable Indi$_a$ to have computers for i wide range of applications with higl performance rating in the range o: super computers.

(c) The technology developed bj CDAC is now ready for transfer t(Indian industry. It is too early tc estimate the annual production.

Infrastructure to Engineering College:

3127. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to end capitation fee in engineering colleges and has decided to set up regional authorities to inspect all such colleges in the country;

(b) if so, whether 80 per cent infra-structure would be given to the colleges;

(c) whehter colleges with 80 per cent infrastructure would be given specified time to provide all needed equipments and facilities; and

(d) by when this would be imple mented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMAN-BHAI MEHTA): (a) The Government is opposed to the charging of capitation fee for admission. The All India, Council for Technical Education has finalise guidelines on admissions W^n-ch link admissions with merit. The Regional Committee of the AICTE has. been set up and their Committees propose. to visit such, engineering colleges.

(b) to <d) For according approval, the AICTE decided: —.

—Colleges which are viable will be given approval by the AICTE.

—Colleges which are not fully viable but have the potential will be given sometime to measure up before they are finally approved or disapproved.

—Colleges which are not fully viable and have no potential to develop should be disapproved.